

PROCLAMATION PHARMACISTS MONTH OCTOBER 2010

WHEREAS, pharmacy is one of the oldest and most trusted healthcare professions, focused on improving the quality of life for all people; and

WHEREAS, modern medicines have extended lives and given many hope for maintaining healthier life styles, but these medication miracles require greater attention to proper use through the expertise of pharmacists who are medication experts; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota's licensed pharmacists deliver services that ensure safe and cost-effective use of all medications; and

WHEREAS, with the rising cost of healthcare today, the efforts of North Dakota's pharmacists are a major force in cost reduction through medication therapies as an alternative to more expensive chronic and acute care options; and

WHEREAS, pharmacy professionals make it possible for North Dakotans to take greater responsibility for improving their own health and lowering overall healthcare costs; and

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Pharmacists Association, in partnership with all national pharmacist organizations, recognize pharmacists and the important contributions they make to our lives and our future.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim October 2010, **PHARMACISTS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

John Hoeven

ATTEST:

Secretary of State